

University to make cuts to staff, programs

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As a result of continuing budget cuts amounting to a possible \$7.7 million, Northwest is executing a two phase plan to trim staff and consolidate campus departments.

Through these measures, the University hopes to increase staff efficiency and enhance synergy. New positions, Voluntary Retirement Incentives (VRI) and an extensive review of programs are all active parts of the plan.

In an all-staff email sent March 16, University President John Jasinski summarized the first phase of the plan, and promised updates on Phase 2 in the weeks following Spring Break.

"In continuing to evolve and having the ability to invest in the future, we must continue seeking synergies, with an intense focus on efficiencies and addressing realities head-on," Jasinski said in the message. "Student needs are changing, employer needs are changing and employee needs are changing. We, as an organization, are as well."

The first phase includes changes to several University services, campus offices and the Northwest Leadership Team.

Vice President of University Advancement Mike Johnson opted for VRI. Chair of the Board of Regents Patrick Harr explained how this inspired action to become more administratively efficient.

"With the retirement of Mike Johnson on the foundation side, (the University is) looking to create efficiencies in administration," Harr said. "That was the primary reason, driven by budget and the opportunity with the retirement of a vice president to look at ways of perhaps being more efficient in those areas."

The University created a new position, vice president of external relations, to oversee the newly aligned work of student recruitment, donor and alumni relations, and act as the direct superior for the new director of marketing and communication, director of university advancement and director of student recruiting.

"The three positions currently leading those areas (the vice president of marketing and communication, the vice president of university advancement, and the associate provost of enrollment management) are changing accordingly," Jasinski said in the message.

An internal search for a vice president of external affairs began March 20. After a candidate is chosen and approved by the Board of Regents, the new vice president of external relations will conduct a search for the remaining director positions not occupied after internal transfers.

Upon publication, a vice president of external relations had not yet been selected.

Career Services will combine with the profession-based learning department. Director of Career Services Joan Schneider chose to accept the VRI, and her previous position was eliminated. The University will look internally for a director of career services and profession-based learning.

Study abroad and international affairs merged to form the new Office of Study Abroad and International Affairs. The director of study abroad position was eliminated. The University is conducting an internal search to fill the manager of international affairs position that will now lead the department.

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Drag queen graces campus



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Well-known American drag queen and AIDS activist Shangela Laquifa Wadley performs in the Charles Johnson Theater Tuesday evening as part of a SAC event.

Northwest raises tuition and fees

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The Board of Regents approved an increase in room and board and a booking for an increase in tuition at its March 15 meeting, along with the approval of three new accelerated master's degree programs and the return of the Bachelor of Science program in physics.

The tuition booking will allow undergraduate tuition to increase 2.1 percent for the 2018-2019 school year, driven by the allowable Consumer Price Index and depending on final appropriations by the state.

Graduate tuition will not increase.

Vice President of Finance Stacy Carrick explained the University's funding comes from three main sources: tuition and fees, state appropriations and donors and benefactors. Being as such, changes in state funding will be the main factor dictating the final cost of tuition.

"Our appropriations have been cut by 10 percent and we have another pool of funds that have been cut from the state up to 10 percent, so if those are restored, there may be some give and take with what happens with tuition," Carrick said.

According to Carrick, appropriations are slated to decrease by \$3.6 million.

University President John Jasinski will handle negotiations with state legislators regarding appropriations, and the final cost of tuition will likely be set in May or June.

Chair of the Board of Regents Patrick Harr said if legislature restores monies to the University, a tuition increase might not be necessary. Otherwise, an increase may be unavoidable.

"Because of the cuts from the state, we were facing over a \$7.5 million deficit, so we had to make it up somewhere," Harr said. "We try to be as efficient as possible to provide the best product to our students and a small increase in tuition and a small increase in fees sometimes is just the way we have to do business. It's the cost of do-

ing business but we try to limit that so the overall effect on the students is not as oppressive."

If applied, a 2.1 percent increase would be equivalent to approximately \$75 per semester while taking 15 credit hours.

But as costs increase, accessibility and affordability are still the highest priority.

"Why is it (accessibility and affordability) so important? One, because it's the right thing to do, and two, because it's the economics and supply and demand side of the reality of running a business and balancing a budget," Carrick explained.

Financial decisions are made with the intent of maintaining the University's quality standards.

"Our main goal as a board is to provide the best experience at the best price for our students," Harr said.

The Board of Regents also approved the addition of accelerated master's programs in applied computer science, mathematics and English.

The so-called 4+1 accelerated programs will allow students to complete, depending on the concentration, up to 12 or 15 credit hours of coursework in their junior and senior years.

This will count towards both their bachelor and master's degrees.

The remaining graduate coursework will be completed in the next two trimesters of the fifth year.

"4+1 allows a student to concentrate in their area of study and finish with their master's a year earlier. Instead of it being 4+2, they are looking at 4+1... It shortens the time it takes to get an advanced degree, saves them money, and gets them into the workplace sooner," Harr said.

The Bachelor of Science program in physics will be reinstated in the 2018-2019 school year. The Higher Learner Commission requires universities to provide basic instruction in all areas of math and science. The physics program is necessary for Northwest to meet those requirements for the Higher Learning Commission audit scheduled in the fall.

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The cha cha heels were alive, and the Charles Johnson Theater was filled with the laughter of 200 people as the Shangela Laquifa Wadley slayed the stage March 27.

D.J. Pierce, the man behind the wig, first started performing by his stage name Shangela in 2009.

Pierce holds the record as the only drag queen to appear on three seasons of the hit show, "RuPaul's Drag Race." Shangela appeared on the second and third seasons of Drag Race, and recently placed in the top four of season three of "RuPaul's Drag Race Allstars."

A native of Paris, Texas, Pierce graduated with honors from Southern Methodist University and resides in Los Angeles. He is involved in various charity work and remains a member of the SAG-Aftra Union.

Pierce is also an advocate for AIDS awareness and works to spread the message of those who have AIDS whenever he has a chance.

Pierce has guest-starred on a number of shows including "Glee", "Bones" and "2 Broke Girls", as well as numerous music videos with celebrities, such as Miley Cyrus and countless others. Pierce released his first album in 2011 with the hit single entitled "Call Me Laquifa."

Shangela was excited to come and perform for the Bearcat community.

"Well, I was so excited to see how diverse and warm the audience was and how ready they were to be entertained," Shangela said. "I really was excited to see how

many people showed up. It is nice to travel to a place that might not have a whole lot of these events, and give them my experience."

Ty Bears, a sophomore political science major was excited to attend his first drag show.

"I have not been to a drag show before, but I loved this one and I plan on going to another soon," Bears said.

With over 200 students and community members present for her performance, Shangela was proud to be able to entertain the Maryville community. Even when the music got loud, Shangela's large personality never missed a beat. Shangela slayed the stage and sassy that walk all over the stage and left the audience gagging in their seats.

"Well, I think it is very important for people to experience things outside of their own community or experience, so the fact that I am able to be a part of that is a gift," Shangela said.

Bears favorite part of the show was at the very beginning, and he enjoyed the audience interactions.

"I loved the dead drop Shangela did at the very beginning of the show as well the part where she took questions from the audience," Bears said.

When asked if she had a good time, Shangela had this to say.

"Honey, I turned up, and I had a wonderful time and I can't wait to come back and perform here again," Shangela said.

Bears had one final message for Shangela and what he learned by attending this event.

"I really gained a new perspective last night as well as a love for drag. Also, Shangela Laquifa Wadley, please come back," Bears said.

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Providing professors protection

New bill would prevent faculty from receiving whistle blowing repercussions

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Following recent rollbacks on discrimination and whistleblowing (an employee who reports an employer's misconduct) laws, a debated Missouri bill adding protections to university faculty from retaliation is now being pushed by a senator.

Titled the Academic Freedom and Whistleblower Protection Act, the bill prohibits an institution from having a policy allowing it to take adverse action against a faculty member in response to certain expression and disclosure of information.

The bill would allow professors to receive compensatory damages if a court finds the protected expression was a motivating factor behind the institution's actions.

Missouri's whistleblower laws only protect disclosure of information, regarding violations of federal or state laws and regulations, waste of funds and abuses of authority.

Newly proposed university-related protections in the bill would cover expression that raises concerns regarding university policies and campus mismanagement, as well as matters of social, political and economic interest.

The bill was written by Missouri Senator Ed Emery, a representative of Blue Springs and areas of Lee's Summit.

The bill resembles another recent bill still pending in Senate, one that would strengthen protections for all public employees who disclosed information.

The bill was Missouri's first attempt to restore whistleblower protections since Governor Greitens

passed a bill last August excluding state employees, public college and university workers from protections for termination from speaking out against misconduct.

Emery's bill specifically applies to faculty working in public Missouri universities; private universities would not be covered under the law.

The bill has garnered support and criticism from a variety of Missouri professors and law experts.

Northwest political science professor Daniel Smith said he hasn't witnessed many issues with professors and free expression occurring at Northwest.

"I'm honestly not sure, we don't have serious problems with this going on, so what's the motivation here from (lawmakers)?" Emery said. "Our First Amendment rights, as well as basic whis-

tleblowing laws, have worked to this point."

Smith said he is skeptical of the bill's intentions with few instances of this type of law being needed.

"Risks are probably more likely to come from them," Smith said.

Emery's argument is universities have been moving away from open exchanges of ideas, and wants a bill to be able to protect professors whose comments may not be agreed with by a majority.

Emery said incidents like the one at the University of Missouri in 2015 compelled him to write the legislation.

"The very essence of a bill like this is to say we've seen enough (incidents) of that to say that's not permissible," Emery said.

Furthermore, Emery has said he does want to see the state dictate the direction and expression permitted

in a classroom.

Two St. Louis University professors, law professor Marcia McCormick and physics professor Greg Comer, have differing opinions on the bill.

McCormick said adopting the bill would help protect non-tenured professors who don't have job security and could help reinforce deterio-

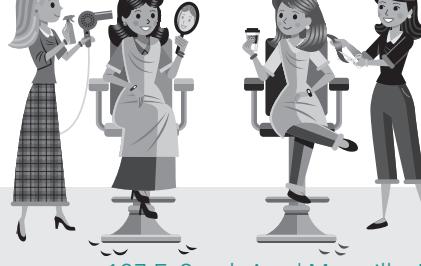
rating whistleblowing laws.

On the other hand, Comer said enacting this bill could lead to other consequences.

Namely, he told the Kansas City Star it could lessen a professor's control on discussions, due to the bill's vague language on what is considered reasonably relevant expression for course material.

"Faculty should have the primary say about what goes on in the classroom because we're the experts on the material," Comer said.

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Local bank offers new debit card supporting Universities

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Citizens Bank & Trust has begun advertising a debit card benefiting Northwest that displays the Bearcat paw print.

The Mascot Debit Card is designed to benefit schools in Missouri, Maryville facilities manager Tracy Smith explained.

"If you open a checking account with Citizens Bank & Trust, then you can pick any one of our school debit cards for your use," Smith said.

The school then benefits from every time the cardholder swipes Smith said.

"How it works is that every time you swipe or use the card we, the bank, donate a nickel back to the school of your choice," Smith said.

Citizens Bank & Trust started

the program with Northwest midway through 2017. To date, they have 178 Bearcat debit cards.

Smith said the program has no limit on how much can be given to the University. This allows the amount given to the University to be directly in the hands of card holders.

"That's the cool thing about the program is that there is no cap; it's unlimited," Smith said.

Such support comes in abundance to Smith.

"I think Maryville, the community, the town, they support the University so well," Smith said. "There are so many alumni and booster members in the community that they're pretty good at supporting the University."

The Mascot Card program originally began in 2010. The program has focused on helping high

schools get things they could otherwise not have with the budget they have. Smith finds this is greatly beneficial.

"Some of the (high schools) look at it as additional money they don't get through state funding," Smith said. "One of them bought t-shirts for all the students on the first day of school."

Smith hopes Northwest does the same.

"It's free money for them," Smith said. "That's what I hope they get out of it, you know every little bit can help."

Anyone who has a debit card at Citizens Bank & Trust can switch to the Northwest Mascot Card at any time. Anyone who does not currently have a debit card can sign up for one at the Citizens Bank & Trust located at 105 N. Main St.

Kansas to investigate local water park

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Kansas plans to conduct a full audit of a water park's inspection records before it reopens this spring, a state official said Wednesday, after criminal charges were filed over the decapitation of a 10-year-old boy on the world's tallest waterslide there in 2016.

The state Department of Labor said it will review reports from daily inspections of rides by park staff at the Schlitterbahn park in Kansas City, Kansas, before it is scheduled to reopen May 25 for its annual season.

A state law enacted last year after Caleb Schwab's death requires amusement parks to keep daily reports on their rides and to give them annual inspections.

A grand jury has issued indictments with multiple criminal charges against the park; the construction company that built the giant waterslide; former park operations direc-

tor Tyler Austin Miles; the ride's co-designer, John Timothy Schooley, and a co-owner of Schlitterbahn Waterparks and Resorts, Jeffrey Wayne Henry.

Henry, Schooley and the construction company face one felony count of second-degree murder and Miles and the park, one count of involuntary manslaughter, over Caleb's death. The raft the boy was riding on the 17-story Veruck ride went airborne and hit an overhead loop.

State law allows parks to have their own staff do daily inspections and to have private inspectors do the annual inspections, rather than state inspectors. The inspectors doing the annual reviews must be either licensed engineers with two years' experience with amusement rides, have five years' experience in inspecting rides or have been certified by one of three industry groups.

Hersh said the audit will show

whether the park has been conducting the required inspections and maintaining proper records on them as it prepares to reopen for the season.

"They will have a notebook full of inspections," she said.

Schlitterbahn spokeswoman Winter Prosapio said in a statement Tuesday that the latest indictment against Henry, Schooley and the construction company "is filled with information that we fully dispute."

The company also posted a statement on its website that all park attractions are "thoroughly inspected daily" by supervisors and managers.

Also, it said, before the park opens for the season, each ride has a thorough internal review and an inspection from "an independent third party." The statement said the park's insurance provider also conducts annual inspections.

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Recently elected Student Senate Executive Board members Secretary Asma Hassan, President Alyssa Lincoln, Treasurer Colton Downing, Vice President Shyla Kallhoff prepare to take on their positions for the 2018-2019 session.

Elections end for Student Senate

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Elections have concluded for Student Senate 2018-2019 seats.

The incoming 96th Student Senate Executive Board members include President Alyssa Lincoln, Vice President Shyla Kallhoff, Treasurer Colton Downing and Secretary Asma Hassan.

The newly elected executive board campaigned on the same "Evolve" ticket.

"We have a lot of invigorating ideas," Lincoln said. "We're all really excited, and I feel like we have a lot of experience. Not only do we know what works, we know what doesn't work, so we can be innovative where we take Student Senate."

Lincoln is currently Student Senate vice president. She said becoming president was the next step for her and seemed natural.

"I joined Student Senate my

freshmen year; the first meeting scared the hell out of me," Lincoln said. "After that, I knew I wanted to devote myself to this organization; this is what I fell in love with. I was in a bunch of other organizations, but this where I knew I saw myself and where I wanted to be. Ever since then, I have just given it my all."

Downing said he decided to run for treasurer to learn more about finances and to help improve Student Senate from an executive position.

As treasurer, Downing said he hopes to open up better communication with campus organizations.

"My biggest goal is to help smaller and newer organizations set up a budget and a financial plan so that they can focus on their overall goal," Downing said. "In the fall, I will be holding hopefully two to three workshops for smaller organizations to just do that."

Lincoln said one of her goals

as president is to instill passion into Student Senate.

"I would love to see Student Senate become a passion organization," Lincoln said. "We have a lot of people who are on senate because it looks good, which it does. But, I want people that genuinely want to sit here for two hours on a Tuesday night and talk about fees."

Lincoln said she plans to achieve this goal by giving Student Senate senators more day-to-day responsibilities.

"I feel like there is an outstanding 15 people right now that have a lot of tasks, and everyone else just comes on Tuesdays and goes to committee meetings," Lincoln said. "Deliberately handing other tasks and investing in people is going to excite, make them feel wanted and feel that they are there for a reason. Really focusing on that is naturally going to bring the passion out of people."

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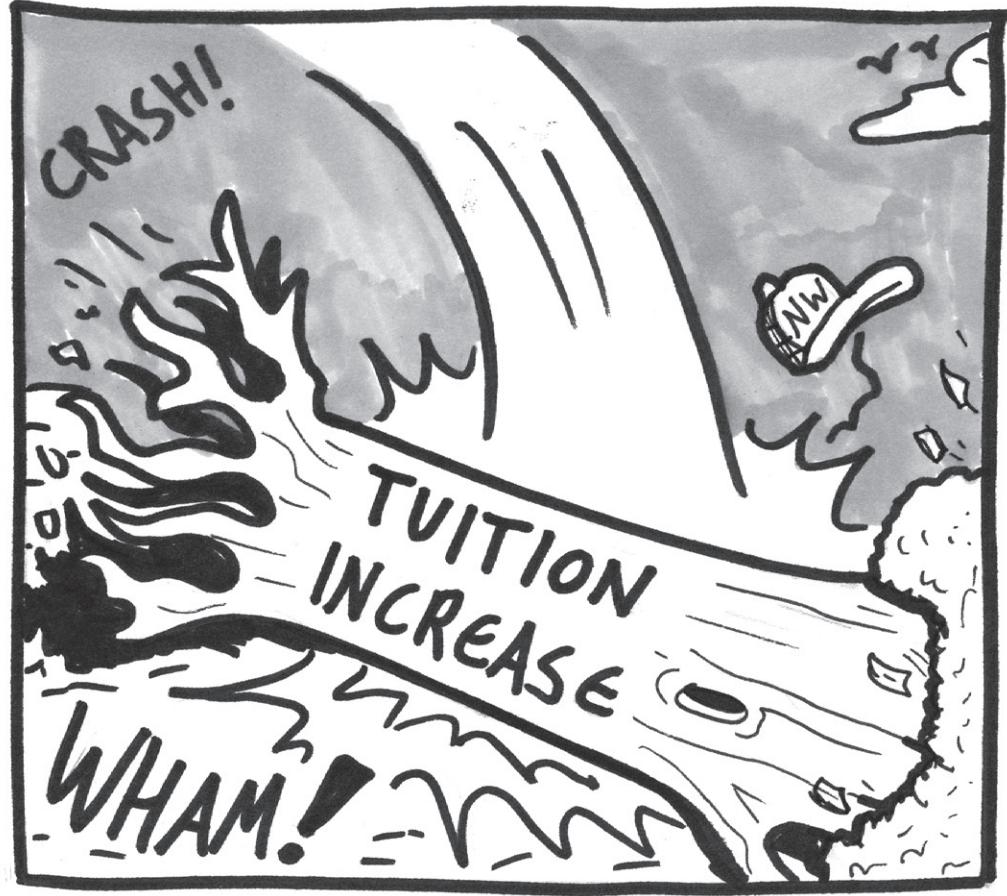
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OUR VIEW:

Tuition increase is a necessary evil

Missouri state budget cuts are catching up with higher education, as the University prepares for another increase in tuition for next fall. With the spring semester brings FAFSA applications, scholarship approvals and class enrollment for the semester on the horizon, it seems the perfect time to discuss the impending increase of tuition.

The 10 percent decrease in state appropriations has left administrators to make tough decisions in money matters and students and parents dreading the monetary increase to an already above average cost for Missouri

universities and colleges.

Though graduate students are off the hook, undergraduate Bearcats are looking to dig a little deeper into their pockets for the 2018-2019 academic year. Though the increase is an inconvenience, administrators are doing their best to lighten the burden of missing funding.

With three sources of funding being tuition and fees, state appropriations and donor and benefactors, the level of balance has been thrown off kilter by Missouri legislation. The cuts from the state has left Northwest \$7.5 million in the hole, according to the chair of

the Board of Regents Patrick Harr, now may not have been the best time for housing upgrades, these upgrades will be backed with the increase in room and board cost.

Affordability being the University's main goal, the attempts to minimize the effects of the state funding cuts lends a reassuring hand to students. With the amount of resources and technology provided at Northwest, a 2.1 percent increase may be an unfortunate nuisance, the situation could certainly be worst.

Northwest's maintenance of quality and efficiency is a main

goal. As the state continues its slow yet steady withdrawal of funding, sacrifices need to be made to keep business flowing as normal.

The 2.1 percent increase to tuition would cost parents and students about \$75 more per semester. The percentage of funding cuts are alarming at first glance, with panicked thoughts of more thousands of dollars of debt building up for undergraduate students. When placed in actual dollar amounts this increase becomes a little easier to stomach.

While the increase is not final and state funding may make

a comeback in the near future, it may be time for students to prepare parents for a 'I need more money' discussion. Money matters may hinder some of us, but the goal is to continue our journey through education by any means. Scholarships and grants may provide students with more options in money matters.

It's not a fun task to keep up with the tuition increases for students across the nation but funding ourselves as individuals through scholarships and grants may be the best options for the growing debts in our pockets.

Get 'Spirited Away' with Studio Ghibli and anime



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Even though Japanese animations, also known as anime, have been gaining more popularity, it is still quite far from being either truly accepted or respected and this comes from the fact people simply aren't willing to give anime a chance.

Although anime has been around since the early 1900s, it only began gaining popularity in the '80s and '90s according to Michael O'Connell's. It has only continued its spread to the Western worlds, combining storytelling with beautiful and unique animations.

With such a large interest across the globe, people are still unwilling to look into anime at all.

It's understandable if they at least watch it, then decide it's not something they're interested in. Most people though tend to simply label it as just children's cartoons without giving it a shot.

The world of anime can be extremely intricate, with sublime and unique plots along with complex characters which take the necessary steps toward appealing to a larger audience.

Let's take "Death Note"

for example.

With the power to kill anybody in the world with only a pen, a notebook and a name, this psychological-thriller delves into how society affects people's morality and what exactly justice is. It tackles many controversial issues, ranging from what it means to play god to the grey area between good and evil.

Also many of the "Death Note" characters are quite opposite to the stereotypical anime characters people tend to think of such as over-powered males and magical girls. The characters lend themselves more to driving the plot with their various personality disorders rather than relying on their relatability.

While "Death Note" only has two seasons with 37 episodes total, there are a vast amount of animes that have well over 60 episodes such as "Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood," where the world becomes more immersive and well-defined with each episode.

If anybody's curious about anime, but feel they lack the time and dedication it takes for veteran series like "Naruto" and "One Piece," both over 700 episodes, there are many different movies for those who want a complete story in one run.

For most newcomers, the Studio Ghibli film company

tends to be the starting point when delving into the animated movie side.

One of the best ways to ease someone into anime is through some of Studio Ghibli's director Hayao Miyazaki's heartwarming films that often deal with heavy topics such as destruction of the natural world, as seen in "Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind," and the power of staying true to oneself in "Spirited Away."

Beyond Studio Ghibli, there are many movies directed and written by astounding artists. If anybody has a hard time believing anime isn't an art form, then they need to look up Makoto Shinkai's work.

From Shinkai's six-minute clip "Dareka no Manazashi" to his romantic fantasy drama "Your Name," his art style is always breathtakingly stunning. Through his artistry, people can find a sense of realism interwoven in the worlds he has created and the characters he has cast without losing his signature style.

While anime is not for everyone, there are many people who have come to love and appreciate at least this small aspect of Japanese culture. If people continue to avoid anime without understanding it, they will never know if they could really end up enjoying it.

Protest today for a better tomorrow



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were carried through with a sense of poise and were, for the most part, peacefully executed. The sad truth is not every movement for change transpires with as much grace as we might hope them to.

There are multiple sides to every issue, but sadly most Americans believe there only to be two. This creates greater tension on both sides to be right, as there is rarely middle ground. For example, the liberal left wants to constrict gun ownership to a certain degree while the conservative right wishes their gun rights to stay to the same-open. The majority of shared opinion is congruent with these two opinions, the rest is usually not heard. This is not to say that it can't, but it is wise to understand what we have to work with.

I have always thought that it is better to try, and then fail, than to never have tried at all. This is an abstract that we can assuredly apply to protesting. When you have an opinion about an obvious, or not so obvious, wrong you see in society you should make that grievance heard. If you do not speak up, who on this earth will, if not yourself? I am sure you have heard this more than enough times, but there is a reason behind that too.

I wish I could sit here and tell you that everything can be solved by protesting, but I would be lying to you. It won't fix everything, but it's definitely a start. No matter what side you align with, fight for what you believe in. If you disagree with the other side, make your voice be heard. Living inside of an echo chamber is hell.

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Shirts created Feb. 28 by the Northwest community for the Clothesline Project hosted by Green Dot and C.A.R.E. hang from the Bell Tower Tuesday. The project's purpose is to send encouragement to survivors of relationship and sexual violence as well as raising awareness for the issues.

CHANGES

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The Northwest Leadership Team will now consist of eight active members, opposed to the previous 10 seats.

Chief Clarence Green will be removed from the board, so he may more fully dedicate his attention to the University Police Department. The new vice president of external relations will replace Johnson and current vice president of university marketing & communications, Brandon Stanley, on the team.

Jasinski predicts that these changes will result in \$300,000 in savings, subject to further increase as Phase Two is executed.

While faculty reductions of any sort tend to cause unease, Harr assured the situation has not yet met dire straits.

"If down the road, budget cuts become more deleterious to our survival, we might have to have reductions enforced, but so far, we've been able to avoid that," Harr said. "Some institutions are looking to reduce faculty by a significant number. We have not been faced with that at Northwest."

At this time, there is no sig-

nificant mincing of academic programs. Harr said the University is "in pretty good shape" in that area, but future action will depend on what happens in upcoming years.

One position in the computer science department was recently eliminated due to a drop in international students involved in the program.

"One of the things we have to look at is what our opportunities are in different academic areas. If areas have low interest and very few students graduate from those studies, those are the areas we have to look at," Harr said. "Obviously, if you have a low number of students, the cost of educating a low number is excessive."

Harr further explained how the continuation of academic programs is evaluated.

"We want to focus on the areas that draw the highest number of students, retain the most students and graduate the largest number of students. If there's a way we can grow student numbers in areas that have been lagging in the past, then that's an opportunity," Harr said. "If there's not enough student interest to maintain an area, then that's one that may be cut. We have to look at student demand and how to best meet that demand."

Blotters for the week of March 29**Northwest Missouri State University Police Department****March 12**

There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 1800 block of North Grand Ave.

March 15

There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 300 block West Sixth Street.

March 17

There is an ongoing investigation for harassment at the 700 block of North Fillmore Street.

March 18

A summons was issued to **Issiah Keegel**, 21, for driving while intoxicated, driving while suspended and failure to register a motor vehicle.

A summons was issued to **Mikhail**

Smith, 21, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

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March 23

A summons was issued to **Austin Haupt**, 20, for driving while revoked and failure to properly affix license plate at the 400 block of West Jenkins Street.

A summons was issued to **Felicia-Jo Grout**, 17, for minor in possession at the 500 block of Prather Avenue.

A summons was issued to **Tanner Wilcox**, 18, from Parnell, Missouri, for minor in possession at the 500 block of Prather Avenue.

March 24

A summons was issued to **Kaitlyn Weis**, 20, from Omaha, Nebraska, for careless and imprudent driving at the 600 block of North Main Street.

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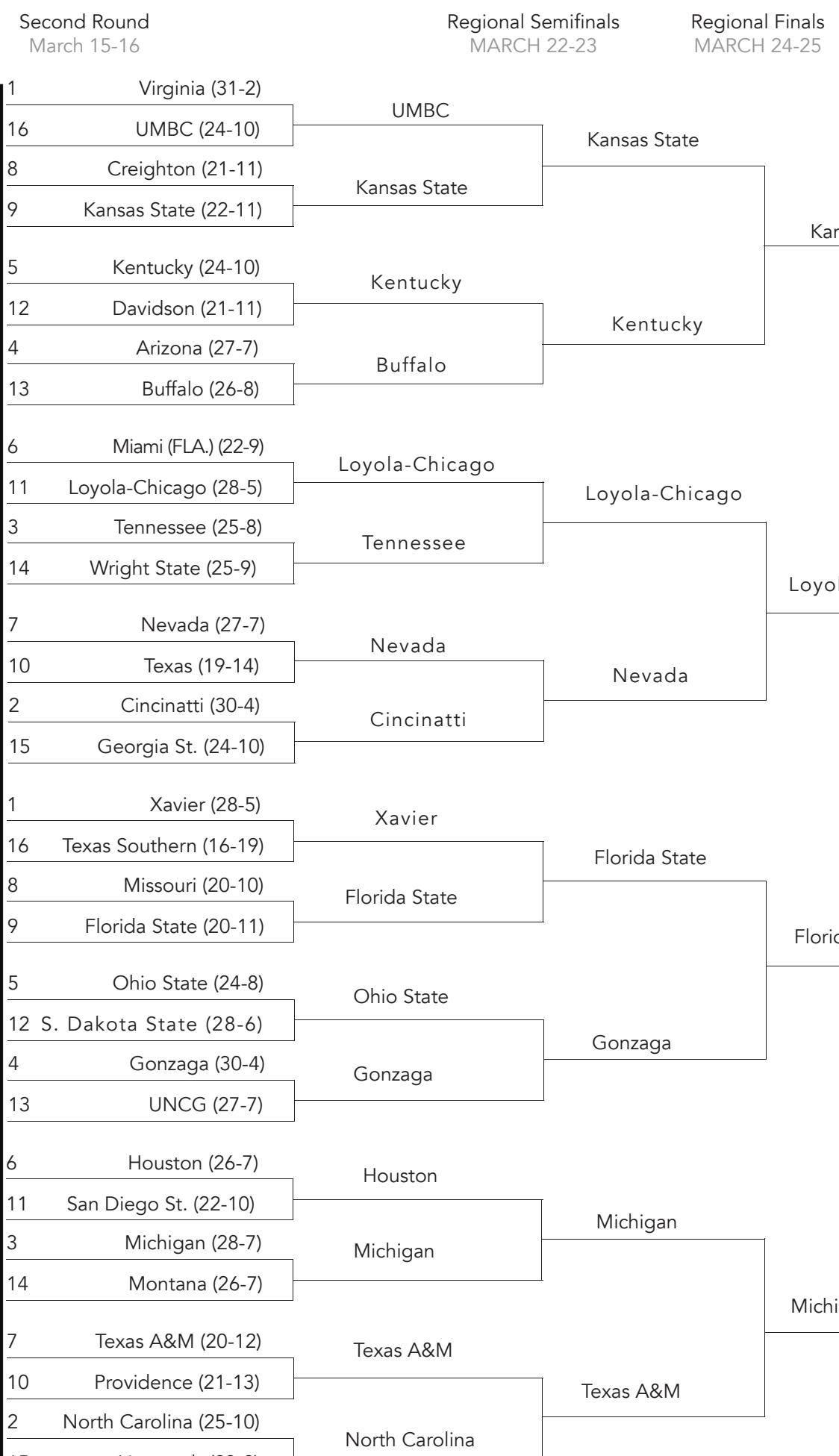


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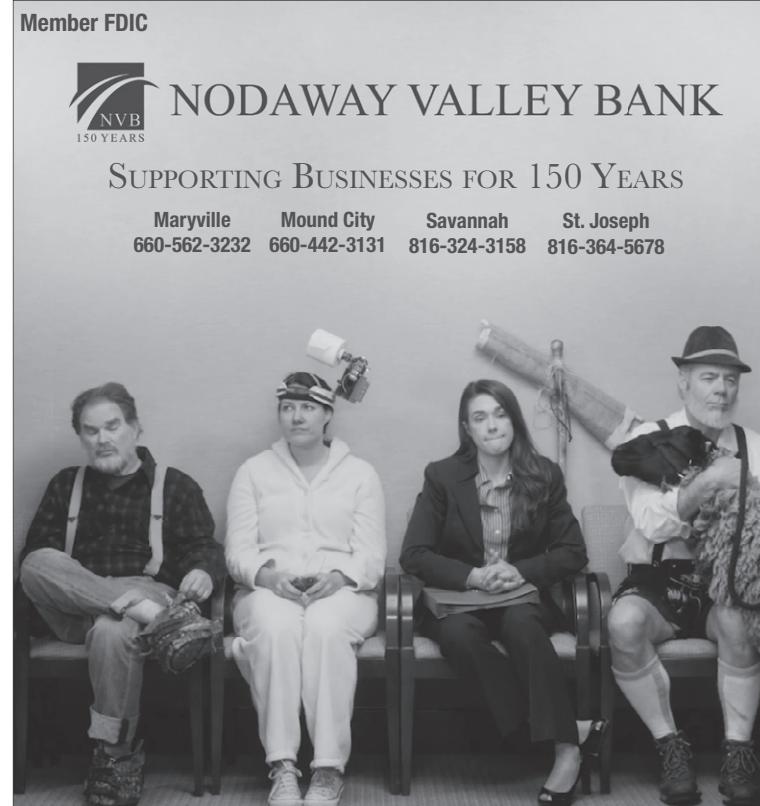
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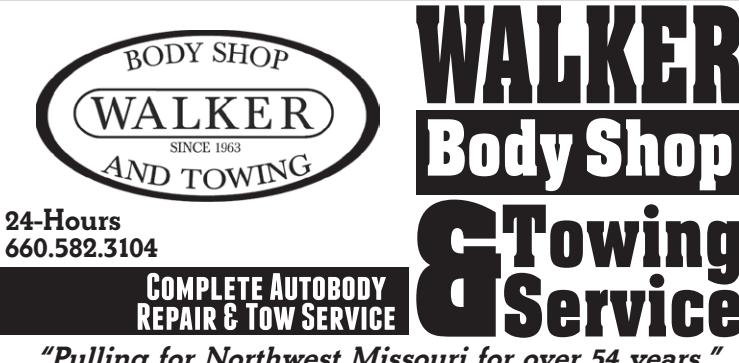


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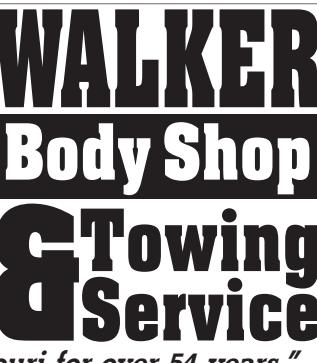
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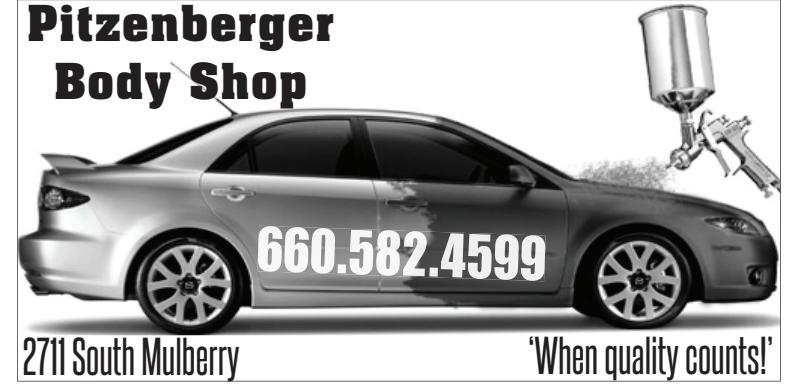
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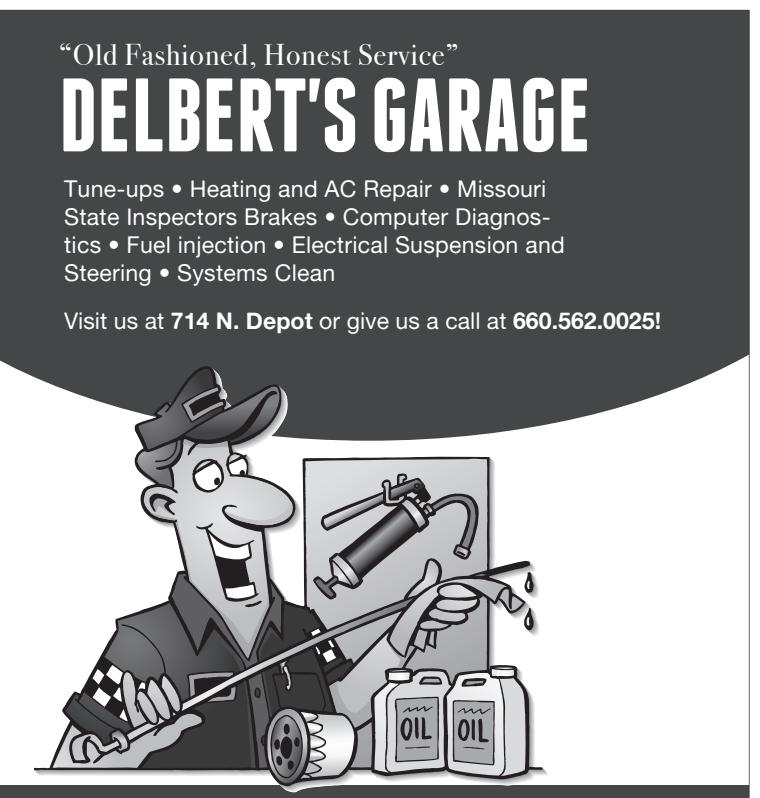
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Born for this

Northwest's provost instills ideals of integrity

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Northwest Provost, Jamie Hooyman, came to Maryville to learn, laugh and, perhaps most importantly, live with a group of people that she calls family.

Jamie Hooyman took her position as Northwest's first female provost about four months ago after serving as vice provost for almost a year and a half. While her role is vital to campus life, many do not know what exactly Jamie Hooyman does as provost.

"I get asked what a provost does a lot," Jamie Hooyman said when asked for specifics on the provost position. "People know most positions like president or vice president, but academics is the only place that has a provost. The office of the provost promotes collaboration across the University and oversees policies and initiatives that shape the academic life of the University as a whole."

Despite a somewhat short amount of time as a faculty member, she knew from the moment she arrived on campus how impactful Bearcats can be.

"When I stepped on campus and saw the atmosphere, I knew I could thrive here," Jamie Hooyman said.

Jamie Hooyman says this confidence comes from her roots, as family and learning has always been paramount in her life. Her passion for pushing the educational envelope goes hand in hand with her family values and maintaining this love is something she shows everywhere she goes.

"I think it is important to believe in what you're doing," Jamie Hooyman said. "Integrity is something that is extremely important to me. Doing things for the right reasons, I could see myself doing that here. Being able to do a job, do it right, make good changes to better people. The biggest goal of any educator is to help others accomplish their goals."

A love for learning and the care she has for her family are two aspects of Jamie Hooyman's life noticeable just by stepping into her office. However, what lies beneath the surface is someone who has been surrounded by higher education since she was only a child.

A background immersed in schooling started while her father was the dean of North Central Missouri College (NCMC) and has continued ever since.

"I went through undergrad pretty quickly; I graduated in under three years and moved right on to my master's degree," Jamie Hooyman said. "I went to Northern Illinois with a specialty in exercise science. After I graduated with my master's degree, I moved to Amarillo, Texas, to work with High Plains Baptist Hospital where I conducted cardiac testing, fitness evaluations and other clinical work."

Sometime later, Jamie Hooyman traveled back to Kansas City. Shortly after she'd meet her husband, Gary Hooyman. Eventually, she found her way back to ed-



SUBMITTED | JAMIE HOOYMAN

With three daughters and a husband of 25 years, family is one of the most important things in Hooyman's life.

ucation in the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) as a faculty member.

The Hooyman family started to grow with the couple now having three girls. In order to bring their children up around a family environ-

ment, the Hooymans made the trek back to Missouri with Jamie Hooyman picking up a position as associate dean at NCMC, where her father had previously worked as dean only 25 years earlier.

Jamie Hooyman was practically

born for education, as she only took short breaks away from learning or teaching. She worked her way up until she was approached with the opportunity to be a Bearcat.

Jamie Hooyman says her respect for Northwest and the school's passion to achieve student success is ultimately what drove her interest in the University.

"I have been very blessed throughout my whole career to work in places where the people are great," Jamie Hooyman said. "That is something that Northwest exuberates. The people are here for the right reasons, they are doing things for the betterment of the students."

Gary Hooyman, a captain for Southwest Airlines, said he has been Jamie's husband, companion and best friend for 25 years. Gary Hooyman said his wife's loyalty is only matched by her integrity and ability to lead.

"One thing I know most people immediately see in her is 'Leader,'" Gary Hooyman said. "She has this aura, when you meet her, of competence and self-assuredness that naturally has people looking toward her for guidance and advice."

-Gary Hooyman

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SUBMITTED | NW CAMPUS DINING

Hooyman enjoys taking the opportunity to interact with students outside of her office when possible, as she was able to Sunday, Dec. 15 when she helped Matt Baker and Marc Krein serve Brinner in the Union the night before finals week.

"Most people didn't know how young she was when she first started in the working world after her master's," Gary Hooyman said. "Good thing too, because she immediately started in positions of authority and responsibility that might not have been afforded to her otherwise if they looked closely at her age. Her family and close friends see her as a rock of dependability and unfailing loyalty."

Something most would agree on is Jamie Hooyman's joyous nature that she carries with her everywhere.

Karen J. Dowd, the retired associate vice president and chief of staff at UCO, says this trait of happiness is one of Jamie Hooyman's most recognizable characteristics.

"I expect that most people recognize Dr. Hooyman as a person who embraces the world in a high-energy, passionate and joyful manner," Dowd said. "Concurrently, Jamie's intelligence and ability to communicate are clearly evident. I suspect that upon meeting Dr. Jamie Hooyman, many people feel as if they have met a new friend."

Dowd explained how Jamie Hooyman is an example of individualism in the finest sense. She 'fully expects and eagerly anticipates' the day Jamie Hooyman takes the role of a president at university.

"She is genuine, brilliant, caring and highly organized," Dowd said. "Dr. Jamie Hooyman does not play to the crowd, she attracts and serves a crowd; Jamie does not just say the 'right things,' she demonstrates the 'right things' in her actions and behaviors. Jamie does not follow the trail that has been beaten down with traffic, she blazes new trails."

Jamie Hooyman says her reasoning for why she emits the aura of joy that she is known for comes down to something her dad taught her at a very young age.

This lesson she learned from her father is part of what drives her to teach and inspire with every move she makes.

"My dad taught me really young that when you go someplace, your goal should not be just to contribute, but to make that place a better place," Jamie Hooyman said. "As long as you do something in a positive manner to make things better, then you are doing good. I believe that, and it is easy to do that with our faculty and staff here because they really want to do things for the right reasons."

HOROSCOPES



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, it's understandable that you want to prove yourself as capable as ever. But accepting a little help is not a sign of weakness. In fact, it is a sign of strength.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Family matters push to the forefront, Libra. This may require all of your attention for the time being. Clear your schedule so you can give this the attention it deserves.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, overcoming challenges as they are presented to you is one of the things that makes you so successful. But even the best task master needs some rest and relaxation.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, when you get an idea in your head, it can take a monumental effort to persuade you to think otherwise. This week your ideas may need tweaking.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Stop planning for the immediate future and start thinking long-term, Gemini. This way you can relax as much as possible and enjoy the ride knowing all things are in order.

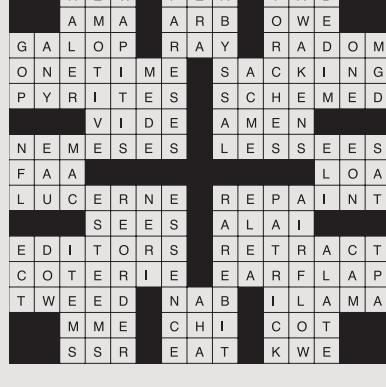
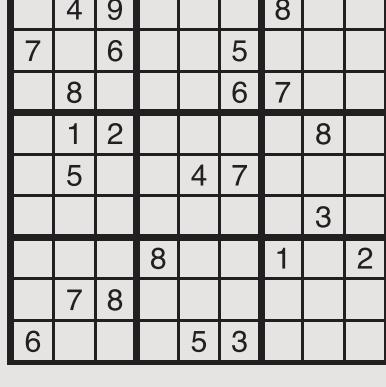
CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

It is very easy to become complacent, Cancer. Just when you thought your week would be routine, things get stirred up in ways you never would have imagined.

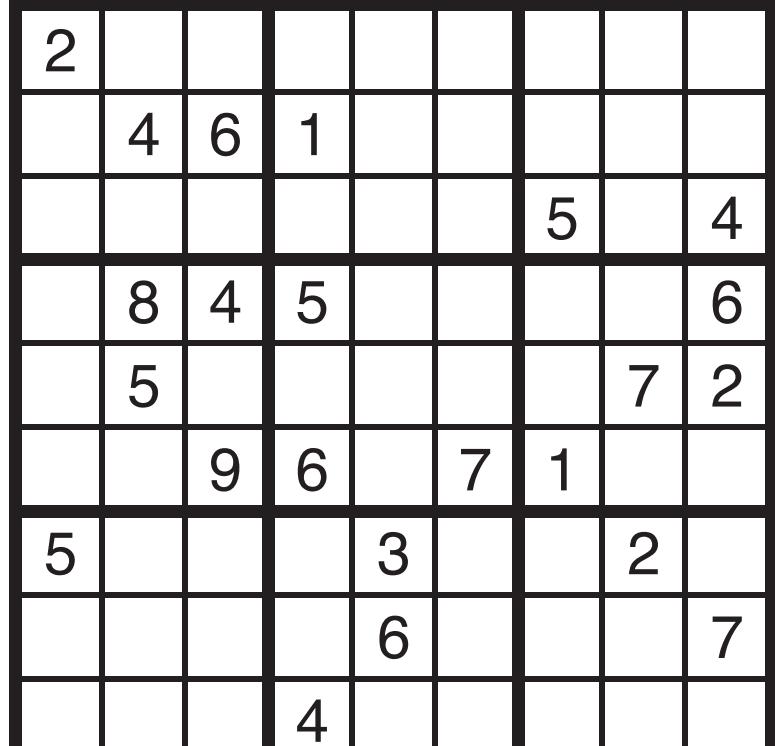
LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, if a career change has been on your mind, it may be better to dip a toe into the waters rather than jumping in all at once. Try an internship before making a commitment.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS



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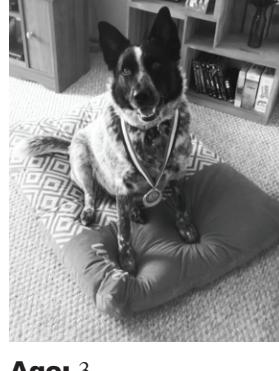


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PETS OF THE WEEK

Ami & Sebastian

Human: Morgan Allen



Age: 3

Weight: 85 lbs

Fluff Factor: 6/10

Likes:

Food
Bossing Everyone Around
Fooooood

Dislikes:

When You Have Food But It Should Be MY Food

Favorite TV Shows:

Friends and America's Next Top Model

Hobbies:

Co-Presidents of the
Chicken Enthusiasts Club

Age: 2

Weight: 80 lbs

Fluff Factor: 8/10

Likes:

His Ducky
Booty Scratches
Being a Good Boy

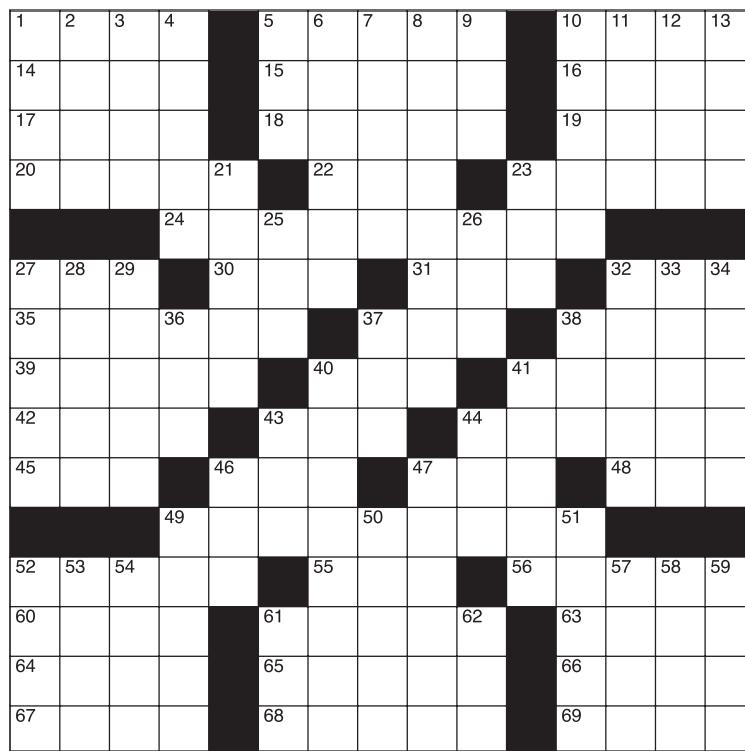
Dislikes:

Vacuums and His Own Farts

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CLUES ACROSS

- Builder's trough
- Pouch
- Adam's partner
- Zelda soldiers
- Network of nerves
- Heinrich __, poet
- Algerian port
- Reciprocal of one ohm
- Title of respect
- Form of expression
- Hoover's office
- Samoan monetary unit
- Cooperation
- Fiddler crabs
- Portion of a play
- Tropical American shrub
- Frosts
- Short-winged diving seabird
- Chemical compound used as a hardener (abbr.)
- Diversion
- Turner, rock singer
- __-bo: exercise system
- Large, edible game fish
- Doctor of Education
- Where the Knicks play
- Basics
- Tall tropical American trees
- Men wear them
- Widespread destruction
- Midway between north and northeast
- Vast body of water
- Hair product



CLUES DOWN

- Very brave
- Go too far
- Individual feature
- Drug trials term (abbr.)
- Has emerged
- Helped the Spanish conquer Mexico
- Northern Vietnam ethnic group
- Dried-up
- Reactive structures (abbr.)
- Licensed for Wall Street
- Japanese conglomerate
- Home to the Celtics
- Title given to Italian monk
- Drunkards
- Cylindrical containers
- South American plants
- Frozen water
- Town in Galilee
- Not in
- Journalist and suffragist Wells
- Consumed
- Edible Mediterranean plant
- Poke fun of
- "First in Flight" state
- Fortifying ditch
- Receding
- Christian liturgical creed
- Used to decorate Xmas trees
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- Thoughts
- __ and cheese
- Constrictor snake

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Stitchwork sticks with students

MEKA WRIGHT
A&E Reporter | @itstheredhair_

Warm and creatively animated memories were a mesmerizing sight in the Olive DeLuce Performing Arts Theatre Monday, as the colorful stitchings worked to tell a complicated story of a life.

Visiting artist Cassia Kite shared a freshly innovative performance of "soundstitching," with the compilation of stitchwork artistic pieces and musical compositions. Weaving her childhood and adulthood memories into her colorful stitchings paved the way for an idea that has become a unique gallery of "soundstitched" masterpieces, a concept which Kite created herself.

In 2012, Kite stepped away from her drawings and paintings, and developed a keen interest in quilting. Enjoying the feel of a needle and thread, Kite decided to take her hobby to the next step.

"I fell in love with the process," Kite said during her artist talk, before presenting her performances. "And I started looking back at some of the drawings I did, and I thought, 'If I can make a quilt, I can stitch my drawing, and if I can stitch my drawings, I can stitch my paintings."

Taking inspirations from her family farm in Nebraska and her childhood memories, which filled the home, she began her stitchwork journey.

With the memories of piano lessons from her grandmother flooding her mind at the sight of the ancestral home, Kite first explored the idea of combining the sounds with stitching.

"I was thinking, when I was younger, playing the piano--sound travels forever in the country," Kite said. "I wondered what it was like to hear the piano coming from this image, and I thought 'Well, there's something there, and I'm interested.'"

Continuing with her idea, she began to research the concept of associating colors with sounds. With a particular knack for using colored thread in the stitched recreations of her paintings, Kite toyed with the color-sound combination.



Brittany Maldonado admires a piece of art by Cassia Kite while listening to melodies Kite created for each individual piece.

TAYLOR LEGRONE | NW MISSOURIAN

Her familiarity with the piano helped her to create the concept of soundstitching, by creating her own system, using the piano as a tool. By matching specific colors with keys of the piano, she created a way to read the colors top to bottom, left to right.

As the process progressed, Kite was able to place the color coordinated keys into a color map that can be transformed into an interpreted musical composition that would literally follow the color patterns of her stitchwork.

"I'd take the colors and plug them into music notations, and now, this is my language. And if I practice, I play them," Kite said.

As Kite perfected her process, a soundstitching definition was formed.

"Soundstitching is an interdisciplinary, multimedia project that transforms color from a hand-stitched image into a musical composition that can be interpreted by a musician and/or performance artist," Kite said. "The result is an organic combination of three forms of art into one collaborative, multisensory experience."

From her experiences with Maryville she created stitched tapestries of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building and Bearcat Stadium.

Northwest student James Cookinham, assistant music professor Joseph Tomasso, and professor of music William Richardson worked with Kite to compose separate music compositions of her soundstitched works.

Performed by the Northwest

saxophone quartet, Northwest Jazz Combo, and pianist Jiwon Choi, Kite was able to bring the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building and Bearcat Stadium alive in a way that had never been done before.

After the performances of Kite soundstitching, Bearcats were welcomed into an open gallery of Kite's many soundstitched artworks, each accompanied with a pair of headphones to enjoy to totality of the artworks.

Juniors Chance Casey and Dominique Delgado weighed on the importance of Kite's memories to her stitchwork.

"It was really interesting how different the notes were from the colors," Casey said. "The music had such a different feel from what the image looked like."

Familiar with connecting memories to artworks, Delgado and other artist use similar methods.

"(Memories) are a road a lot of artist take," Delgado said. "I'm from Texas, so I'll bring that into my art because I miss it."

Though inspiration from life experiences and memories are tools used by many artist, their personal definitions of art are ever-changing.

"Art is a lot of things, it's expression, but it is also so much more," Delgado said.

While Casey's definition encompassed self-expression, the personal extent of their meanings differed.

"Art to me is expressing my feelings," Casey said. "It's purging negative thoughts."

THE STROLLER:

Your Bearcat wants you to take a little time to relax

While spring break may have been relaxing, the next five weeks are going to be filled with massive amounts of stress and sleepless nights.

The next five weeks will be filled with numerous amounts of group projects, papers and various assignments that are worth a decent amount of points toward your final grade. While it might seem stressful now, the skills you gain from doing those assignments will be beneficial for future

classes, as well as future jobs. One thing you can do to make sure you succeed during these last five weeks is to take steps to keep stress from controlling your life. Find something that you like to do for fun, such as going to the movies or hanging out with friends. Just do that for a little while to help you escape the stress that you might have if you don't want a mental breakdown during the last couple of weeks of this semester.

While it might seem like relaxing is the last thing on your mind when you're looking at all of your future assignments,

Personally, I have a lot of upcoming papers and group projects that are going to be due. I need to find that balance between getting my work done and making sure I take enough time for myself to make sure I'm okay and to make sure that I'm not going to be stressed out going into a major exam or a presentation.

Just remember: while it is important to focus on your academics, it's also important to make sure you take that time for yourself. Make sure you take that time

to do things for self-care, if that means taking a nap or taking an extra-long shower, do whatever you need to do to keep yourself at 100 percent.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

National honors society of psychology prepares to crunch for a good cause

SARAH VON SEGGERN
A&E Reporter | @TheMissourian

While looking for a place to eat at, there are many options, but only a few actually include a way to donate to certain organizations.

Psi Chi's first big fundraiser, "Crunch for a Cause," will be at Taco John's March 29 at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For every customer who buys food and says they want to support Psi Chi, 50 percent of their purchase will go to the Northwest chapter.

Psi Chi is the national honor society of psychology and is only available to those majoring in psychology with a GPA in the top 35 percent of their class. The organization has been active on campus for two years and was reinstated upon getting a new advisor, assistant professor of psychology and lifetime member of Psi Chi Keely Cline.

"The previous Psi Chi sponsor had recently left Northwest," Cline said. "There was a transition time when the previous faculty member left and the role had not been assumed by anyone else. Having been a Psi Chi member during my time as an undergrad at Northwest, I was interested in being part of making Psi Chi active on our campus again. Working with Psi Chi students is re-

warding, and I have especially appreciated the motivation and leadership provided by our officers. I think that Psi Chi plays an important role in contributing to the quality of the division of behavioral sciences."

Senior and industrial psychology major Kayleigh Peregrine is an active member of Psi Chi and has been involved with the organization since it became active again.

"I wanted to join Psi Chi because it's the top organization for psych majors that isn't the American Psychological Association (APA)," Peregrine said. "There's lifetime membership and an emphasis on research that is useful for students wanting to go to graduate school."

Some of her favorite memories are at the inductions, Behavioral Sciences Undergraduate Research Showcase, where the members can present their research to the public and the Psychology Meet and Greet, which is a mixer open for anyone wanting to participate.

"One thing I would like to change would be the funding," Peregrine said. "Psi Chi could do so much more for Northwest students of psychology, as well as the community, if they were able to have the support. Other chapters of Psi Chi hold events and fundraise to support their involvement in national

Psi Chi conferences which would be extremely beneficial for undergraduate students wanting to pursue a career in academic psychology or just interested in research."

President of Psi Chi and senior Sarah Dannettell said this fundraiser will be a great way to get money they can use for the organization.

"I think a big reason why we want to fundraise is this is a new organization," Dannettell said. "It's kind of newly coming back on to campus, so we don't have a lot of funds."

Dannettell would like to be able to fund not only more future organization events, but also the members who are traveling to conferences. With more donations they would be able to help with the cost of the plane tickets, hotels and possibly even some meals.

"We want to be able to financially help them out a little bit because they're representing not only our organization but our university in a really cool way," Dannettell said. "One of our programs I know is presenting information, like presenting their research, and then they're just going to enjoy the conference as well."

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Audrey Wichmann took gold at the Ashley Nally Heptathlon held at Northwest over the weekend. Her highlights from the competition include a first place finish in both high jump and the 800-meter run.

Track transitions from indoor to outdoor after home field advantage

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While many students at Northwest spent spring break relaxing, the members of Northwest track and field raced into a new season with two weekends of meets.

March 16, the Bearcats went to Emporia State for an opening outdoor meet. The contest provided a nice transition, and coach Scott Lerek said it gave some athletes a good opportunity.

"That was a good opportunity to get people in the mix who haven't been as much," Lerek said. "Those people are often times a year or two down the road going to be our best athletes."

Highlighting the men's side was the distance team for Northwest with four top-10 finishes in the 1500-meter run. Sophomore Cliff Nichols led the Bearcats, finishing in third place with a time of 4:07.28. Right behind him, junior Karim Achengli crossed the line in fourth at 4:07.42.

While both senior Wick Cunningham and junior Brayden Clews-Proctor were listed with a time of 4:10.55, Cunningham edged out Clews-Proctor for sixth place by just a few thousandths of a second.

For the women, the team's success was spread throughout the various events with multiple top-three finishes. Senior Melissa Shepard finished third in the

NEXT GAME
Emporia State Relays
March 31

1500-meter run with a time of 4:54.37. Fellow senior Emma Taylor joined Shepard with a third place finish in the 400 meter hurdles with 1:05.60. Sophomore Chemutai Nereo rounded out the third place finishes with a 18:40.04 in the 5000-meter run.

While the Emporia meet helped shift into outdoor season, the Bearcats hosted the Ashley Nalley Heptathlon/Herschel Neil Decathlon March 23-24. The meet showcased the multi-event athletes, who dealt with their own transition moving to outdoor.

"We're really using the fall to get us some more practice in those different events," assistant coach Emily Peterson said. "By the time we get back into it in the spring semester, it is not like the first time they've ever done javelin or discus."

For the women, the heptathlon consists of five events, while the pentathlon adds two more events. Training in all seven events helps the multi-event athletes, such as junior Audrey Wichmann, transition between seasons smoothly.

"It's a pretty big transition going from five events in one day to seven events over two days," Wichmann said.

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Maryville sophomore Jaden Hayes and teammate senior Patrick Baker (not pictured) defeated Savannah in doubles play with a score of 8-3 March 20.

Senior Spoofhounds shine in first match win

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Duo senior leadership assisted Maryville boy's tennis in its first victory of the season.

Maryville (1-0) started its season on a high note in a 6-3 win over Savannah, March 20.

"I played pretty well at Savannah," senior Peter Kempf said. "I started off pretty bad but I came back and got the win, and in doubles, it was pretty much the same thing Chance (Hermelink) and I both started out slow but we came together and started having a little fun."

All four varsity returners walked away with wins in their first matches.

The Spoofhounds No. 1 player Kempf won his match 8-6. Senior Chance Hermelink joined Kempf with a victory of his own winning 8-1.

Kempf and Hermelink joined forces in doubles play and won

their first match of the season 8-6.

"I think it will be a good season for us together," Kempf said. "We both started out the same a little slow, but he really came together and started playing a lot more consistent which is what we both needed."

This is Kempf and Hermelink's first season together and if first impressions are anything, the two work well together.

"I think the first time was just getting used to each other," McGinnis said. "Once they had played several games they got on and ended up pulling it off, I think they did really well together for the first time."

Junior Mason Walk continued the winning for the Spoofhounds taking down his opponent 8-6 in singles. Final varsity returner Junior Cade Gustafson defeated Savannah 9-7 to claim his first victory of the season.

Maryville claimed another doubles victory on the day by sophomore Jaden Hayes and senior Patrick Baker. Walk and Gus-

NEXT GAME

Lafayette vs Maryville
@ Northwest high rise courts
April 29 @ 4 p.m.

tafson struggled in the doubles match losing 8-1.

"I think we did really well especially for our first match," McGinnis said. "I was really proud of Peter (Kempf) my No. 1 and my No. 1 doubles he was down and came back and won both."

After a strong performance at Savannah, the Spoofhounds headed to Cameron for its first tournament of the year.

Results from Cameron were unavailable before print publication.

After two matches the Spoofhounds head into its first home match of the season against Lafayette March 29. After Lafayette Maryville will take on one of its toughest matchups yet in Bishop LeBlond April 3.

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MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Lydia Mitchell tallied two goals in the Spoofhounds' 10-0 win against Lafayette Tuesday at St. Joseph.

'Hounds blow past Fighting Irish

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Maryville girls soccer powered through Lafayette in its first conference game of the year.

The Spoofhounds mercy-ruled the Fighting Irish 10-0 Tuesday evening at Lafayette High School. The win moved Maryville to 2-1 on the season, with its lone loss coming at the hands of Grain Valley by a score of 9-0 March 26.

The Spoofhounds' offensive outburst against the Fighting Irish started early, as sophomore Addison Hall scored Maryville's first goal just four minutes into the match. Hall and fellow sophomore Morgan Pettlon scored two goals each in the first half to give Maryville a 4-0 lead going into the break.

Just seconds before the first half, Maryville coach Dale Reuter was visibly frustrated with the Hounds' fundamentals, despite the wide margin in score.

"First half, I didn't think we controlled the ball as well as we should have," Reuter said. "We just don't kick the ball out the back of the goal; you just don't do that. That's panicking... I voiced my frustration with that, and they responded."

Reuter's body language entering the second half more closely resembled a coach trailing by four goals, rather than leading by four. Whatever Reuter told his team in the halftime huddle must've resonated well with his team as the Hounds scored four goals within the first four minutes of the second half.

Hall scored her third goal of the game just minutes into the second half, securing her first career hat trick. In all, the Hounds scored six goals in less than 10 minutes in the second half, mercy ruling Lafayette 10-0 with more than 30 minutes still left on the clock.

"It's nice to see (Hall) be successful," Reuter said. "She had a very good freshman year last year. She's been kind of struggling this

year, and assistant coach George Kegode and I, we've been talking about that with her and trying to get her on that confidence train if we could. So for her personally, it was huge, as far as the team's concerned, it's huge to have her have that confidence."

Hall reflected on the first hat trick of her high school career and what the mercy rule win meant for the Hounds.

"It was good," Hall said. "It's nice to have my teammates help, and I wasn't the only one (scoring) tonight, which was more exciting. I've had (hat tricks) in our fall leagues and other leagues, but not during our high school season, so that's a first."

For Hall, the game represented a career high point. For Maryville, the game wrote the next chapter in what has been a unique season.

Maryville began the season with a dominant 4-0 victory versus Harrisonville but took a step back on Monday with a 9-0 loss to Grain Valley, a game that Reuter described as "brutal." The in-

consistency for Maryville is partly due to the toughness of its early season schedule. Reuter purposely schedules Kansas City area opponents early on to ensure the Hounds are ready for conference play.

"This was our first conference game, so we're 1-0 in conference, and we really like that," Reuter said. "We go to Savannah on Thursday, so we're going to work hard tomorrow before we step in there with Savannah."

The Hounds will look to move to 2-0 against Savannah March 29. Reuter will continue to hold his team to a high standard in the match and beyond.

"We work hard every day," Reuter said. "We don't just kick the ball around and hope for the best, we play soccer. That's our game."

NEXT GAME

Maryville @ Savannah

March 29 @ 4 p.m.

Bearcat softball splits with rival Griffons

JAMES HOWEY
Chief Reporter | @How_eyeesit



Northwest softball managed to split its matchup with Missouri Western after another strong performance from sophomore pitcher Rachel Smith.

The Bearcats struggled offensively most of the day producing only one run in both games combined. Northwest lost the first game 8-0 after the fifth inning due to the mercy rule. The defeat dropped senior Taylor Blackford's record to 5-6 on the season and a 3.13 ERA.

Coach Ryan Anderson gave all the credit to the Griffons (16-19, MIAA 7-3) and the effort they had, and said his team simply wasn't good enough in the first game.

"They deserved to win and we gave them plenty of opportunities to get on base and score more runners," Anderson said. "We were mentally out of it after the first or second inning."

The second game featured a stellar showing from Northwest Missouri pitcher sophomore Rachel Smith. The sophomore put forth a complete game shutout with 110 pitches and eight strikeouts. The effort gave the Bearcats a 1-0 win.

"I was feeling pretty good, the ball was moving well so I'm thankful for that, and it was a beautiful day to play softball," Smith said. "You always take each game one by one, and we're thankful that we got one today."

Smith improved her record to 9-1 on the season and has an ERA of 2.20, which is the fifth best in

the MIAA.

Anderson said Smith's performance saved the day for Northwest (16-10, MIAA 7-3)

"She was able to get ahead in a lot of counts and got those hitters to chase pitches they shouldn't have been swinging at," Anderson said. "That worked well this game and we needed to have it because we couldn't hit."

The game winning hit came from a double by junior Kiana Baderdeen that got senior Abigail Gilson home all the way from first base in the bottom of the fifth.

"Kiana stroked one down the line and Abby got to where she was rounding second and I was going to send her," Anderson said. "We got lucky; she scored and Rachel finished it off."

Despite the bounce back win, Anderson said his team should

not be satisfied with their performance.

"I told them you can't be happy with this, and we couldn't hit even in the second game," Anderson said. "This team is better than that, and we got to find a way to get good at bats and swings."

Smith said that some of the frustration with the outcome is how much potential everyone on the team knows they have.

"Part of where that comes from is the fact that we can beat them," Smith said. "You should never be satisfied with losing, and I feel like you should hate losing more than you love winning."

NEXT GAME

Southwest Baptist at Northwest

April 2 @ 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

Boys golf opens season with win, juniors step up early on

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With the weather being as fickle as golf, the Maryville boys golf team started the season off strong with a 17-stroke win over Falls City.

The Spoofhounds had an unlikely leader in No. 4 golfer junior Brendan Ware carding a team-low 46. The rest of the Maryville scores were not far behind. Fellow junior Connor Durbin brought a 47 into the clubhouse and sophomore Trent Shell and junior Matthew Madden each scored 48. Austin Drake finished up the Spoofhound scoring with a 57.

Coach Brenda Ricks explained with the loss of some vital pieces last year she didn't know what to see from her team.

"I didn't have any expectations going in," Ricks said. "We lost some strong seniors last year, so I really didn't know who would be stepping up to the plate and who would come in strong for me. We didn't get the medal, but I was very pleased we had four scores in the 40s."

Maryville's team is young. Out of the 11 golfers on the team, the Spoofhounds have only one senior, one sophomore and one freshman while eight of them are juniors. After his good showing in the first match of the season, Ware said his score was a result of him having fun during his round.

"I just wanted to have a good time," Ware said. "I wanted to get the feel of the golf season. I wanted to enjoy it instead of worrying about struggling. I had a good time."

Ware explained while he wants to get better in the short game, he's hopeful that his team will develop along with him.

"I want to improve accuracy," Ware said. "I want to improve my overall play and hopefully the team will continue to improve as well."

After the fourth best golfer rose to the top, Ricks said she anticipates the top of her line up's scores to be tightly contested.

"These guys are going to hang in pretty close, unless one or two of them really kick it in," Ricks said. "Sometimes it just happens. We never know when we get what we want. They have a goal in mind and they have a shot in mind. It doesn't always fall together, but it's exciting when it does."

Ricks had a good 2017, winning the conference championships for both boys and girls golf. That was the second time in school history that feat had been accomplished.

After winning the MEC title last year, Ricks explained Bishop Leblond will be the biggest roadblock on their way to reclaiming the championship.

"LeBlond is going to be our big foe," Ricks said. "They've got a freshman who shoots low 80s and 70s. They've been our big competitor for that MEC title, and we were able to get that away from them down in St. Joe."

NEXT GAME

Maryville vs Smithville and Benton

Paradise Pointe Golf Complex

April 2 @ 4 p.m.

NW SOFTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS OVERALL MIAA

Washburn	24-7	9-1
Central Missouri	17-15	6-2
NORTHWEST	16-10	7-3
Missouri Western	16-19	7-3
Central Oklahoma	19-14	8-4
Northeastern State	17-14	5-3
Nebraska Kearney	10-19	6-6
Lindenwood	16-14	5-7
Fort Hays State	9-25	5-7
Emporia State	12-20	4-6
Pittsburg State	12-21	2-3
Southwest Baptist	12-17	2-4
Missouri Southern	13-19	1-6
Lincoln	3-25	0-12

NW BASEBALL

MIAA STANDINGS OVERALL MIAA

Central Oklahoma	22-9	14-3
Central Missouri	21-6	12-4
Nebraska Kearney	15-11	9-4
Pittsburg State	19-9	11-5
NORTHWEST	15-12	11-5
Missouri Western	14-12	7-6
Northeastern State	15-10	7-7
Missouri Southern	18-9	6-7
Emporia State	15-11	6-7
Lindenwood	13-14	6-10
Southwest Baptist	9-18	3-12
Fort Hays State	11-18	3-13
Washburn	7-19	2-14

NW MEN'S TENNIS

MIAA STANDINGS OVERALL MIAA

Southwest Baptist	13-2	2-0
Nebraska Kearney	12-4	2-2
Emporia State	10-4	1-2
Washburn	7-4	1-2
NORTHWEST	7-6	0-1
Lindenwood	6-6	0-2

NW WOMEN'S TENNIS

MIAA STANDINGS OVERALL MIAA

Northeastern State	10-4	4-0
Central Oklahoma	11-2	4-1
Southwest Baptist	9-3	3-2
NORTHWEST	7-8	2-1
Nebraska Kearney	12-4	2-2
Fort Hays State	6-7	1-5
Missouri Western	10-6	2-2
Lindenwood	2-7	1-2
Emporia State	1-8	0-5

Expectations high for first year under Riedel

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With three games under its belt, Maryville baseball is taking its identity under a new head coach.

Carson Riedel took the step to become the program's leader after serving under Monica Woods last season.

Riedel's expectations for the team are no different, as the Spoofhounds aim to follow up on their 2017 Class 4 District 16 Title.

With several returners from last year's team, the Spoofhounds are working to make its goals a reality.

"The whole idea was we were going to build off of what coach Woods started those few years before I came in and what we worked on last year," Riedel said. "We want to keep expanding on that."

The team will also be guided alongside the leadership of assistant coaches Adam Switzer and Hans Plackemeier.

Switzer was a member of the Northwest baseball team under coach Darin Loe from 2008-09, and Plackemeier served as the West Nodaway baseball coach during the 2016 and 2017 seasons.

Add character to their baseball knowledge, Riedel is excited to have them along for the ride of the season.

"Both of the guys have a wealth of knowledge in baseball and life experience as well," Riedel said. "We're going to do a pretty nice job. Once the coaching is done, it's all up to them on the field."

Maryville began its season on the road in Savannah March 17. The Spoofhounds took the game 5-3, defeating on the Savages on their home turf for the first time in 10 years.

Juniors Tyler Houchin and Payton Schieffer found their way around the bases early on, giving

Maryville a 3-0 lead by the end of the first inning.

Starting pitcher junior Adam Becker pitched six innings in the game, allowing two runs on 10 hits. He recorded two strikeouts.

"Becker pitched lights out against a very good team at their place," Jake Woods said. "That really set the tone for us. We got a couple runs early and he stayed locked in."

Maryville wasn't as fortunate in its second game of the season, falling 15-3 to Class 5 program Lee's Summit March 22.

Schieffer started as pitcher in the game and gave up 12 runs in the first inning. Five errors also hurt the Spoofhounds in the game.

"We were all a little nervous and timid," Jake Woods said. "That showed. I was proud of our guys and how we fought and didn't give up."

Maryville opens up Midland Empire Conference against Benton and Lafayette March 28 and 29. Benton is also under the leadership of new coach Johnny Coy this season.

The Spoofhounds beat both teams in each of their 2017 meetings. Both games serve as a part of identifying who they can be in conference competition this year.

"We just to go out and compete, finish in the top part of the MEC and continue into the post-season," Riedel said.

With this goal in mind, Jake Woods says the team must focus on improving on the mental and physical fundamentals needed to compete.

"The biggest thing is keep getting good swings and taking ground balls and just continue to work hard at every aspect of the game so we can come out and just trust our kills and relax and play the game," Jake Woods said.

Results from Maryville's March 28 matchup with Benton were not available upon publication.



DYLAN COLDENSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

'Cats rock down to 'Electric Avenue'

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As Northwest baseball started spring break on a low note, superstition and the art of forgetfulness played a direct part in a complete flip of results.

The Bearcats suffered three straight losses to begin the break, but with a little help from the song "Electric Avenue," nothing could stop their quick turn around to the winning side.

A venture to St. Charles was the first thing that Northwest baseball got the privilege of doing as the rest of the students take off on their own adventures. The first game showcased the Bearcats' ability to plate runs in bundles as they took it 10-6.

Northwest's confidence was soon blown away by Lindenwood's rallies in a doubleheader March 21. The streak continued as the Bearcats were pushed around by MIAA foe Nebraska Kearney in a 17-1 loss.

But hope wasn't even close to being gone for the Bearcats, and especially not their confidence level.

"I think that we have talked a lot about looking forward and not

in the past," coach Darin Loe said. "Any of those bad at bats or bad plays or bad pitches that we performed, that we played last week, can't have any bearing on the one in front of us."

For Northwest, confidence is a key attribute in winning baseball games, and daily this concept is shown through how everyone carries themselves in time of trouble. A little help is always brought along though, as the song, "Electric Avenue" motivates the Bearcats before each game.

"On the bus from the hotel, Nick Howard, one of our senior

outfielders, always has the speaker going, has music trying to get the energy going," junior Mondesi Gutierrez said. "Our main team song is 'Electric Avenue.' We play it right before we get to the field, and that kinda helps our energy and confidence and the swagger we need."

The Bearcats tend to follow the superstitious standard of baseball history. Whether it be a song or pregame tradition, Loe knows that as long as it gives them a victory they'll stick with it.

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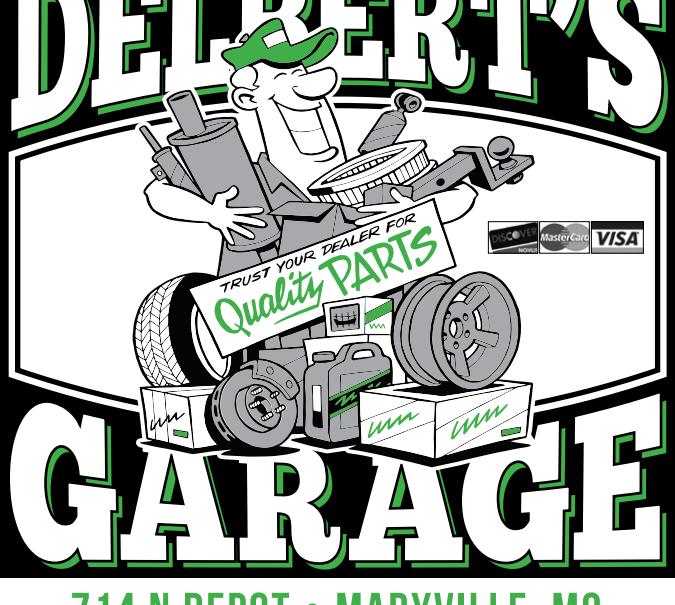
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Meyer intends to transfer legacy

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Austin Meyer's name has been underlined within the Northwest men's basketball program for more than a decade.

Whether it be as a player, graduate assistant or coach, Meyer is one of the many parts connected to the machine that runs Bearcat men's basketball today.

Now, Meyer finds himself behind a different kind of mechanism.

"Over the years, I've had the desire to be a head coach," Meyer said. "The great thing about it is, I told the guys when I called them yesterday, 'I'm leavin you, but I'm not going too far.'"

Northwest announced Meyer as the 10th coach of Bearcat women's basketball March 19. He is the fourth person to hold the position since Gene Steinmeyer retired in 2012.

Meyer is in the process of developing the roster for the 2018 season as he began to reach out to recruits as soon as his hiring was announced.

Five days following the hiring, Meyer set out on his first recruiting trip. Potential athletes visited campus on official visits two days after.

"At the end of the day, I'm a high school guy," Meyer said. "High character, high school kids. Obviously, we will get some junior college kids in as well. But we want to build it similar to what we have on the men's side."

The Bearcats last finished above .500 in the 2012-13 season. The team has averaged seven wins a season since. Its latest quest ended with a 5-22 record.

"I'm looking forward," Meyer said. "I don't really care about anything over the last tenure. I want to get alumni tied in, get in contact with all them. We want to get those people back on campus."

Though this is Meyer's first stint as a head coach, he spent the last three seasons as the associate head coach of Bearcat men's basketball.

Through Meyer's 10 years as a full-time assistant, the Northwest men compiled a 215-90 record. The team also captured six regular season MIAA titles, four MIAA tournament trophies and one national championship.

He hopes to transfer that success as he begins to rebuild the women's program.

"My theory is basketball is baseball," Meyer said. "X's and O's.



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Andrew Meyer was announced by Northwest Athletics as the 10th women's head basketball coach in the Bearcats' history at Bearcat Arena. Meyer is the third coach in three years to hold the position.

Getting back transition, defense, guarding the basketball, being a good half court defensive team. What our philosophy is on offense, I'm not entirely sure yet."

Eight athletes are expected to return to the program as the Meyer era begins.

Sophomore Jaelyn Haggard highlights the group. She was named as the 2016-17 MIAA co-freshman of the year.

"It definitely helps to have somebody that is familiar with our whole team and this program in general," Haggard said. "For somebody who's established the culture on the men's team, it's going to be awesome for him to do the same thing with the women's team."

Meyer arrived to Northwest as a student athlete under coach Steve Tappmeyer in 2002.

He scored 1,294 career points and held the then-school record for 215 made three-pointers by the time he graduated in 2006.

Following graduation, Tappmeyer gave Meyer the chance to return to the team as a graduate assistant for the 2006-2007 and

2007-2008 seasons.

"The things that we learned from him are the things that we use with our culture today," Meyer said.

Tappmeyer promoted Meyer to assistant coach prior to the 2008-09 season. One season later, Ben McCollum took helm of the Bearcats.

The first two years of the McCollum era started off bitter. At the same time, he never had to ponder about Meyer's devotion to the program.

"When I went home and felt the weight of the world against you, meaning no one felt you could do your job including yourself, you never had to worry about him or his disloyalty," McCollum said.

As time went on, McCollum started to hand more and more responsibilities to Meyer. He eventually became the team's recruiting coordinator.

"I think early on, especially recruiting wise, we put him on one or two guys, and he would be able to get that done," McCollum said. "That started to get the program to

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Sophomore dominates in comeback season

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Rachel Smith entered the 2017 Bearcat softball season poised for a breakout. Coming off a stellar freshman year that included two complete games, 39 strikeouts, and a 3.45 ERA over 42.2 innings of work, Smith figured to be a staple in the Bearcat's rotation.

She started the season picking up right where she left off, striking out nine batters in 17.1 innings pitched, before a season-ending injury cut her campaign short.

Now, the third-year sophomore is making up for lost time, leading the Bearcats on the starting pitching front. Smith has pitched to the tune of a 2.20 ERA over 70 innings pitched with 78 strikeouts.

In short, Smith has been dominant for Northwest. She continued her run of ridiculous pitching with a complete-game shutout of Missouri Western Tuesday. The Bearcats have lost just two games with Smith on the mound this season, and that's all the sophomore cares about.

"If the team wins, I can't complain," Smith said. "If I give up 10 runs and we score 11 and win the

game, I'm alright with it."

Smith showed an abundance of tenacity in her battle back from the injury, and the hard work she put into rehab is paying off in dividends. For Smith, the injury was a disappointment, and the road to recovery was long, but results have been worth it.

"(Rehabbing) definitely took a lot of work," Smith said. "It was a lot of work over the summer, and it was a big emotional hurdle. I definitely think it helped me in the long run, helped me appreciate the game more. It made me more mature on the mound. I think sitting out a year, appreciating the game, led to a lot of maturity."

Beyond the physical challenges of rehabilitation, Smith faced mental hurdles along the way. Similar to any athlete recovering from injury, the Bearcat found herself hesitant to test her arm to the fullest extent upon her return.

"It wasn't too bad physically, except for the fact that I couldn't pitch for almost eight months," Smith said. "Coming back from that, I was kind of nervous that things weren't going to move the same, or I wasn't going to throw as hard. I was able to do some small things in the offseason that helped me come back a little bit faster."

and I was thankful for that."

Smith mentioned her parents, coaches, training staff and teammates are major support systems in his road to recovery. For Smith, the support of loved ones paramount to her rehabilitation process. Coach Ryan Anderson described how tedious the rehab process was for Smith.

"We took it slow for a long time," Anderson said. "She didn't get to pitch in the fall. It was very limited, but I wanted her to understand that 'we know what you can do, but take your time, I'd rather have you healthy in March and April than October', and I think that was hard for her."

Smith's comeback has been near perfect, as she lights up the stat sheet more often than not when she toes the mound for Northwest. In reality, though, Smith could care less about her personal performance: she's all about the team.

"I don't really have any personal goals," Smith said. "I just want the team to do well. I could pitch horrendous, and as long as team wins, I'm okay with it. Obviously every pitcher wants to strike everybody out every single inning, but softball's not that game. You just have to take it as it comes and hope for the best."



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Sophomore pitcher Rachel Smith completed her first shutout of the season Tuesday at Bearcat Softball Field. Smith currently has 78 strikeouts and holds a 9-1 record on the season.